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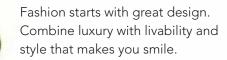
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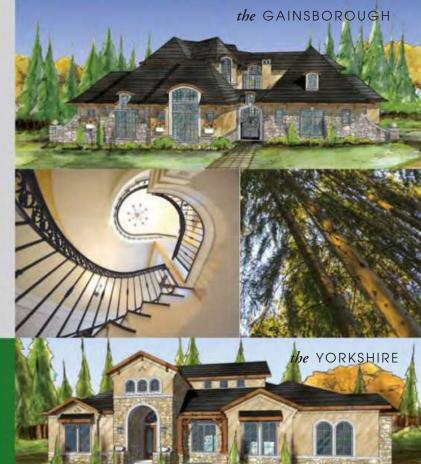
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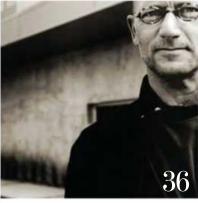
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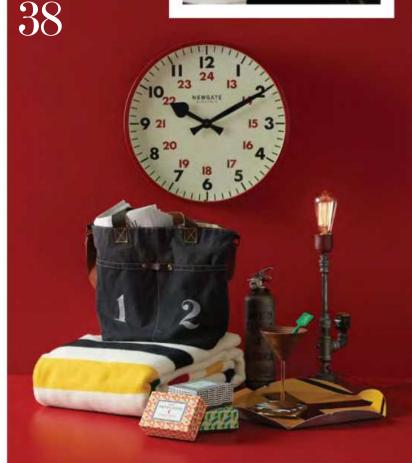
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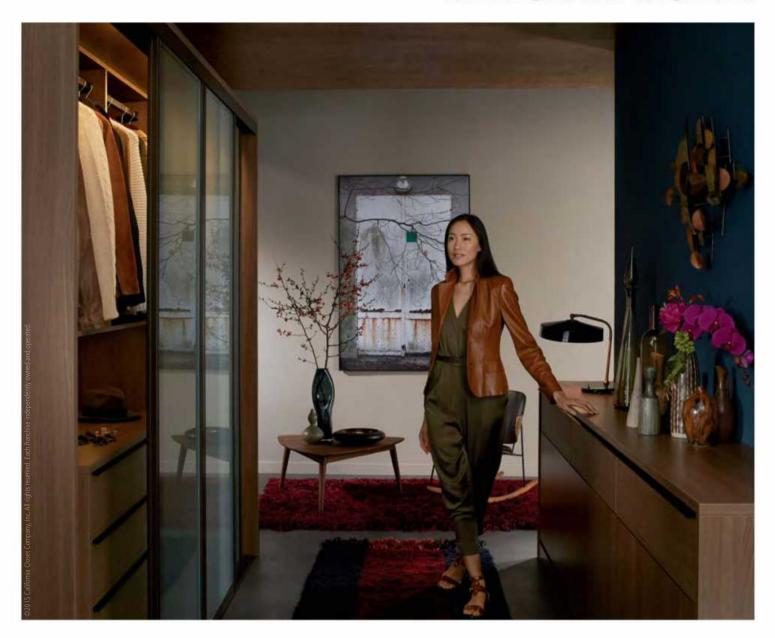
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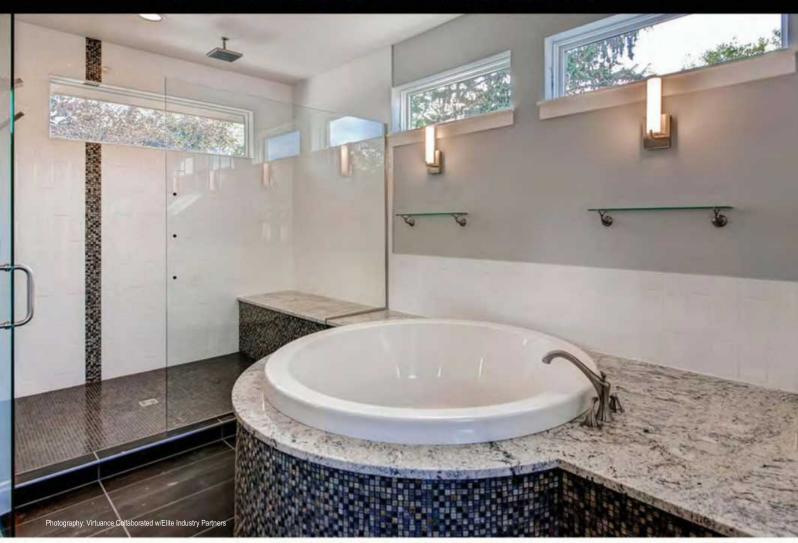






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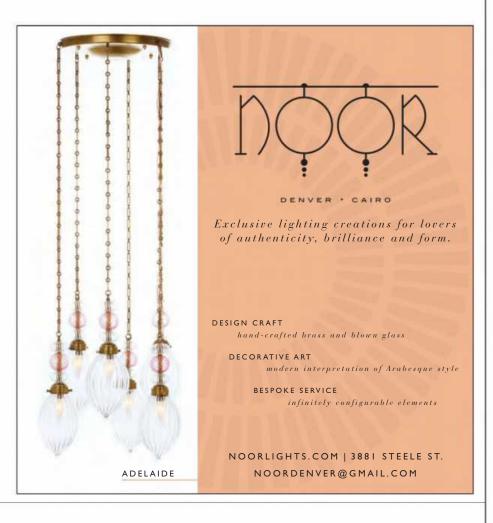




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#### Daliah Singer WRITER

Like most people, Daliah Singer, a 5280 senior associate editor, loves giving gifts—but she's never been particularly creative when it comes to wrapping them. "Basic wrapping paper, a pretty bow, and I was done," she says. But as Singer learned while reporting "Put A Bow On It" (page 42), it doesn't take much to boost a gift's wow factor. "I learned a few simple, thoughtful tricks to personalize presents—and make them that much

more special."



#### Til Schlisner STYLIST

Color, shape, and texture inspire floral designer Jil Schlisner's creative work. The owner of Moss Pink Flora & Botanicals in Park Hill tapped those muses for the front door decor she created for this issue's "All The Trimmings" (page 51). "I love the solstice look in particular because winter is magical in many ways," she says. "The inclusion of mica and crystals in that wreath point to Earth's glittery reminder of that magic.



#### Paul Miller **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Paul Miller of Miller Photographics has no excuse to scramble for holiday presents this year: The Denverbased photographer captured an array of beautiful, locally sourced items for this year's gift guide ("Gifted," page 38). "I always like shooting gift guides because I get to preview what new and interesting products are coming out for the season," says the frequent contributor to 5280 and 5280 Home.



#### Kasen Cordell WRITER

After extensive reporting about the history and evolution of Five Points for a feature in 5280's October issue, 5280 senior editor Kasey Cordell wasn't sure how she felt about profiling a modern home in the heart of the Victorian neighborhood ("The Shape Of Things," page 90). But as soon as she met the Lubberts, who moved into Five Points in the early phases of its current revitalization, she was quickly won over. "For one thing, the house is beautiful," she says. "But more important, this is a family that really loves and cares about the neighborhood. And that's a welcome addition anywhere in Denver.

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#### COME ON IN

ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE best about our Observatory Park home is that it is a gathering spot—not just for traditional celebrations like Thanksgiving and Christmas, but also for potluck dinners with friends or grab-a-cup-of-tea visits with my mom. I smile when people we love forget to ring the doorbell, wander in, and make their way to the kitchen for coffee or a beer and conversation.

These get-togethers happen year-round, of course, but in winter, they feel especially meaningful—perhaps because this time of year requires a little more effort to trek through the neighborhood or across town. (I'm



looking at you, fellow parents of young children.) And while I'm pretty sure our guests come to see *us*, I try to add a few festive and cozy touches to our home when the temps fall.

Luckily, this issue has given me plenty of inspiration for my seasonal deco-

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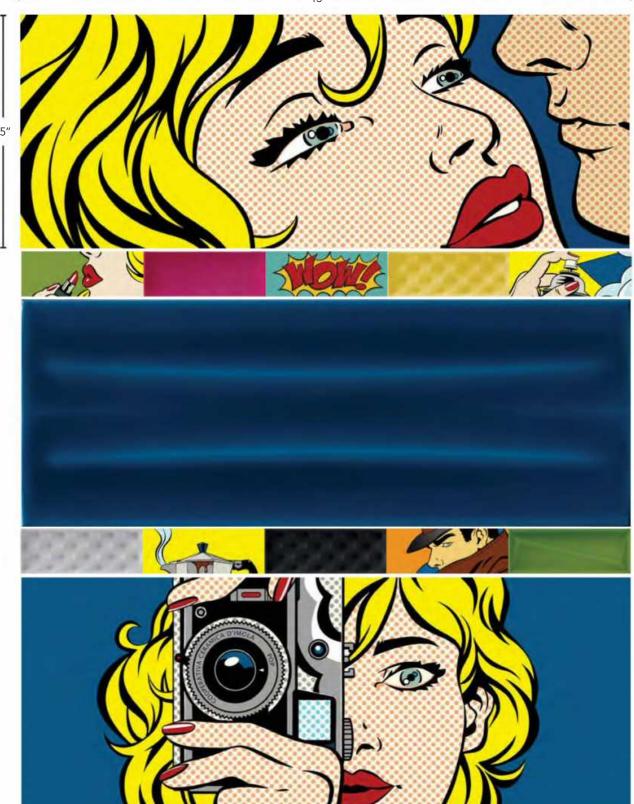
rating. Floral designer Jil Schlisner shares her best ideas for front door decor to wow guests in "All The Trimmings" (page 51). We look at the red-hot popularity of copper accessories in "Pretty Penny" (page 26) and get designers' top picks for living room paint colors in "Paint Like A Pro" (page 30). And in each of our feature stories (beginning on page 82), we uncover easy and beautiful ideas for amping up a room's cozy factor—no matter your style.

As you hunker down on these chilly days, I hope you find good company in this issue and—more important—in the people you welcome into your home.

Hilary Masell Oswald

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and more companies are investing in e-commerce over brick-and-mortar shops. But, says CEO Gary Friedman, who's been tasked with overseeing the openings of 11 of these industrial-chic design galleries nationwide (RH Denver is number five), "Our galleries provide our customers with a true experience—one that feels more like a home than a store—and bring our retail vision to life in a way the Web cannot."

Highlights of this feast-for-the-senses shopping experience include a steel-andglass arched entryway, a grand double staircase, and a rooftop conservatory that gives way to quaking aspens and hydrangeas. But don't be fooled by the building's gorgeous decomposed granite facade; the store's beauty is all about business. "We believe...the physical manifestation of an aspirational brand in an inspiring threedimensional environment will prove to be more important than an invisible onedimensional online store," Friedman says. The days of shopping in our pajamas for polished-chrome drawer pulls just might be behind us. Cherry Creek Shopping Center, 3000 E. First Ave., 303-331-1938, restoration hardware.com - SPENCER CAMPBELL

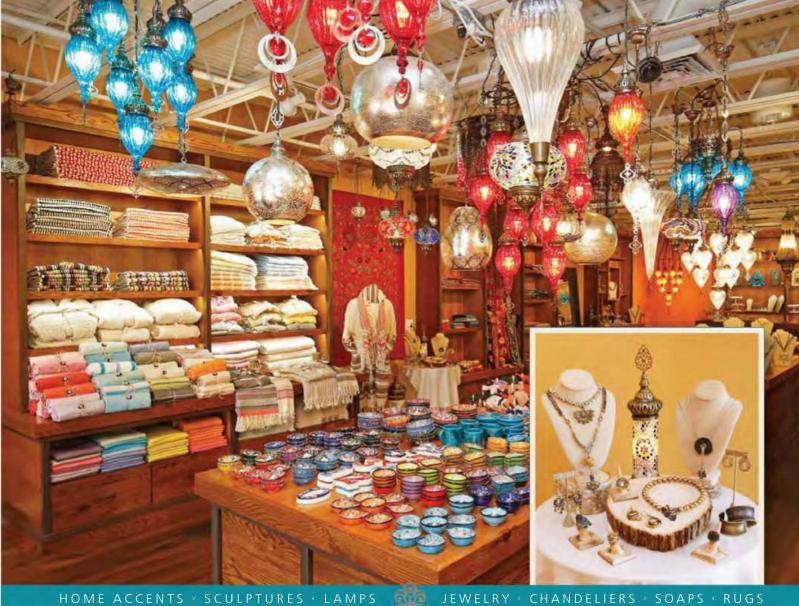
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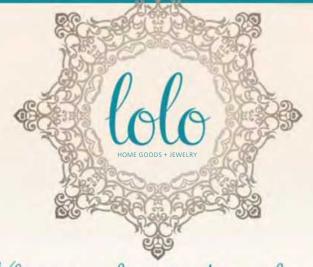
With RH Denver's opening in October, the Mile High City market also gained two of the company's newest lines: RH Modern and RH Teen. "This is a company that's absolutely unique," says Jonathan Browning, a San Francisco-based designer who reimagined Sputnik chandeliers with an industrial spin (pictured) for the RH Modern line. "They don't screw it up by dumbing it down." Here, a few of our favorite things from the grown-up collection:











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#### PAINT LIKE A PRO

Five local designers share their go-to paint hues for the living room. Translation: No more guesswork for you. -DALIAH SINGER



#### WHITE DOWN

(CC-50), Benjamin Moore

"It works for the cool personality and the warm personality. The color makes everything else that is white stand on its own without washing [the other whites] out. —Jeffrey P. Elliott, Jeffrey P. Elliott Interior Design, jeffreypelliott.com



#### REVERE PEWTER

(HC-172), Benjamin Moore

"I like light, bright, calm interiors. You can change the furniture or swap out your pillows for the season and keep your wall color. It's not going to clash.' -April Kemerling, AK Interior Design, interiordesign byak.com



#### REPOSE GRAY

(7015), Sherwin-Williams

"Most people think of beige as boring, but it doesn't have to be. This warm, neutral greige is classic and timeless and lends itself to any type of decor.' –Kristen Terjesen, Studio 10 Interior Design, studio10interiordesign.com



#### PALE OAK

(OC-20), Benjamin Moore

"It's breezy and fresh a fantastic color that gets rave reviews from my clients.' –Jennifer Comfort, the Color Psychic,

thecolorpsychic.com



#### VAN COURTLAND BLUE

(HC-145), Benjamin Moore

"It's a dramatic, strong color-more of a bluegray. Color works well on top of it, so it's a great backdrop for art. —Beth Armijo, Armijo Design Group, armijodesign group.com

ECO-FRIENDLY TIP You know those paint cans collecting dust in your basement? Now there's a place to safely recycle and dispose of them. PaintCare is a new statewide recycling program with more than 100 sites across Colorado. Visit paintcare.org for drop-off locations.



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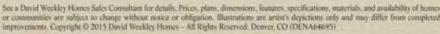
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#### THE HIGH **COUNTR**

If winter has you torn between staying in and nesting and running off to the mountains, here's your solution: a tour of our favorite home shops in ski country, sure to satisfy both your wanderlust and your redecorating bug. - CHRISTINE DELUCA

#### Edwards **SLIFER DESIGNS**

The name Slifer has long been synonymous with sophisticated high-country style. And you can tap into the firm's signature look courtesy of Slifer's designers, who showcase their favorite finds—including elegant Henredon furniture, Visual Comfort statement lamps, and embroidered Coral & Tusk pillows—in the design shop's Riverwalk showroom. 216 Main St., Suite C-100, Edwards, 970-926-8200, sliferdesigns.com



**CATHERS HOME** Rustic meets contemporary in this 3,000-square-foot showroom, where you'll find a well-edited collection of furnishings and accessories from designers' favorite lines, including Arteriors, Bernhardt, and Currey & Company. While you're there, pick up some ideas from the shop's vignettes about how best to mix materials in a single room—or just ask one of the in-house design pros to share her secrets. 530 Basalt Ave., Basalt, 970-927-6556, cathershome.com





Telluride **TWEED** 

Designers Victoria Crawford and Robyn Shaw put together this lively mix of antique and new home accents that emphasizes color, texture, and textilesthink alpaca cashmere and Mexican Otomi embroidery. Customers can't get enough of the scented candle fragrances that always fill the air here (and yes, those are for sale too). 151 S. Pine St., Telluride, 970-728-8186, tweed interiors.com



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Rustic chic

Steamboat Springs
STEL HOUSE & HOME Vintage hubcap wall art. Shelves made from timeworn corbels and capitals. Linen throw pillows that show off kitschy, mountaininspired graphics. The goods at this shop have an industrial, architectural edge. (No wonder: Co-owner Brandt Vanderbosch is the principal of local architecture firm Vertical Arts.) Bonus: Many pieces are made from reclaimed and repurposed materials, giving each one a unique style and story. 690 Mar-ketplace Plaza, Steamboat Springs, 970-871-0057, stelhouse.com





WORTH HOME Bold color, rich textures, and cool contemporary style are the hallmarks of design firm Worth Interiors' retail shop at Solaris. Highlights of the eclectic collection include sexy little side tables and low-slung lounge chairs upholstered in woven rope, rush, and cowhide. 141 E. Meadow Drive, Suite 202, Vail, 970-949-9794, worthinteriors.com

Vail

#### AspenAMEN WARDY HOME

This glittering shop has long been a go-to for stylish hosts and hostesses in search of over-the-top tabletop accessories. Find everything you need to set a glamorous spread, from intricately embroidered linens and beaded place mats to little extras like silver flower vases for each of your lucky dinner guests. 520 E. Durant Ave., Aspen, 970-920-7700, amenwardy aspen.com





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### MODERN MUSES

### Inside the mind of contemporary architect Scott Lindenau. -PATRICK DOYLE



SCOTT LINDENAU DIDN'T TAKE a traditional career path to starting his Aspen-based architecture firm, Studio B, in 1991: He considered medical school, worked as a ski instructor, and traveled the world before finally deciding to study architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design. But he caught up quickly. For nearly 25 years, Lindenau has been designing some of the finest contemporary architecture and interiors in the state, including the acclaimed Linear House in Aspen and the Denver offices of the Colorado chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Last year, he opened a second office in east Boulder. We sat down with the architect to find out where he gets his inspiration—within the Centennial State's borders and beyond.



### ON ROAD TRIPS

"My favorite landscapes are ones of contrast; I spend a lot of time taking road trips between Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Especially out in the West, the light at sunrise and sunset is very dramatic, and I like to record that through my sketching. I grab a bottle of tequila and a sketchbook and just go. When it comes to tequila, I like anything with a skull on it.'

### ON THE MILE HIGH CITY

"Denver has some beautiful buildings in LoDo and downtown. They did a great job with the Union Station renovation, and linking that to the airport is going to catapult Denver forward. But generally, the state's new architecture all looks very similar. I think too many architects spend all their time looking at Dwell magazine and recreating what they see there.'

### **ON DRAWING**

"Most years, employees at our studio take a sabbatical—we've gone to Paris; Dresden, Germany; Barcelona, Spain; Marrakech, Morocco-to do sketching. It really teaches you how to see. Drawing creates a greater awareness of what people are doing out there.

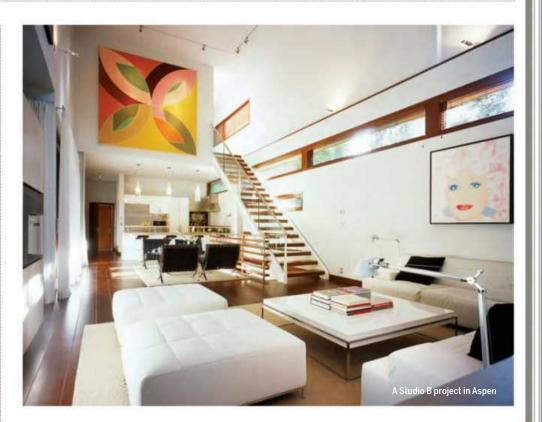


### **ON SOUVENIRS**

"[Most people] go to shops and buy things that are made to appeal to the average traveler, but the collection I've amassed is more based in rituals,

like fertility, circumcision. birth, and death. In the villages I barter, I travel with a Polaroid camera and take photos of people; often, it's the first photo of themselves they have.'





### ON CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE

"It's about capturing light and reducing everything down to the simplistic denominator of living—creating functional spaces and open rooms. A lot of people think of 'contemporary' as concrete, glass, and steel, which can be really elegant, but contrast that with textures, furniture, and art.

"Every year, I take at least a month off and travel to interesting places. I've been to Papua New Guinea, Borneo, Sumatra, and numerous African countries. The landscapes, the textiles of the places I see, and how various cultures create various things—whether it's a hut or just a temporary structure—all inform my own work. It helps me work toward restraint and detailing."

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6/ Fire Design United States of America Fire Extinguisher, \$135, Wish Gifts

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8/ Horn and Wood Coasters, \$75 for four, Studio West, 1421 Larimer St., 303-534-5185, studiowestinteriors.com

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1/ Custom Pet Silhouette, \$50 (unframed), HMK, 2940 E. Second Ave., 303-321-3636, hmk1910.com

2/ Bertie The Boxer Dog Pillow, \$190, Show of Hands, 210 Clayton St., 303-399-0201, showofhandsdenver.com

3/ Modern Wood Double White Square Bowl Dog Feeder, \$140 (medium), Dog Savvy, 1402 Larimer St., 303-623-5200, dogsavvy.com

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### PUT A BOW ON IT

You spend hours choosing the perfect present for each person on your list-and then five minutes taping up your finds in whatever paper is stashed in the closet. It's time your holiday gifts look as thoughtful as they are: Up your wrapping game with these five expert tips. Your presents will be (almost) too pretty to open. -DALIAH SINGER



### **ADD SOMETHING EXTRA**

A lollipop tied to the outside of a present for your grandkid. A spoon to accompany your homemade jam. Pens attached to a journal. Thoughtful touches like these make your gift feel extra special. "Make it playful," says Robin Lohre, owner of boutique Talulah Jones. "Half of the pleasure of getting a gift is the anticipation.



### PICK A PALETTE

Every year, Lohre chooses a single theme for her gifts. "One year it was woodland,' so I had brown paper with turquoise ribbon, and then I tied sticks in with it," she says. "I've also done foil wrap in orange with pink ribbon. It makes it very noticeable which stack is from you"and makes the wrapping assembly-line easy.





### Where To Buy

Our top recs for local shops to fulfill all of your gift-wrapping needs.

Craftbelly, craftbelly.com

Idea Chíc, 4340 E. Kentucky Ave., Suite 121, Glendale, 303-484-1771, ideachic.net

The Paper Lady, 1018 S. Gaylord St., 303-722-6877, paperladyonline.com

Paper Source, 201 Fillmore St.,

Talulah Jones, 1122 E. 17th Ave. 303-832-1230, talulahonline.com

Two Hands Paperie, 803 Pearl St., Boulder, 303-444-0124, twohandspaperie.com



### PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS

Double-sided tape is a giftwrapper's best friend. It hides seams and creates a polished look. DIYers are also currently obsessed with washi tape—a patterned, masking-tape-like product made from natural fibers. "Washi gives an additional crafty styling to the look," says Julie Sandusky, coowner of Idea Chíc. If you're including a bow, Lizzie Greco, owner of Craftbelly, suggests giving it a "snake tongue" effect by laying the two ends out and cutting a small triangle in each. "It's the easiest thing to do," she says, "and people think it looks really fancy."



### KEEP IT SIMPLE

The holiday season is a prime time for gifting bikes, golf clubs, tennis rackets, snowboards, and other awkwardly shaped itemswhich are a pain to wrap. Instead of wasting time (and tape), first try to fit the object in a box (call local stores to see if they have oversize extras in their recycling piles) or a gift bag. If it's just too big, tape on a large custom bow (try the Paper Lady on South Gaylord or Cherry Creek North's Paper Source) or one made from felt or velvet ribbon.



### **BE MINDFUL**

Most gift wrap isn't recyclable, and when you're giving a lot of gifts, the waste adds up. Look for recyclable options (it'll be noted on the packaging), or take a cue from Mia Semingson, co-owner of Boulder's Two Hands Paperie: Buy a large roll of brown kraft paper, and then use rubber stamps, colorful baker's twine, stickers, or wax seals (ask the kids to help!) to personalize gifts after they're wrapped. Semingson also likes to place a band of fancier gift wrap as an accent around the package.

Top: Talulah Jones owner Robin Lohre's clever woodland-themed packages



The newest modern linear addition to the Heat & Glo lineup, the PRIMO gives you complete design freedom, including the ability to safely hang a TV or valuable artwork above your fireplace. Zero restrictions on finishing materials eliminate concerns of overheating or safety hazards, so any finishing material – even real wood – can be used for

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### Calendar

### SAVE THE DATE

This season's top arts, design, and architecture events. -JESSICA LARUSSO

### DECEMBER >

 $Through\ January\ 2$ 

Fifteen Decades: 150 Years of Art in the American West



"High World (Colorado)" watercolor by Ethel Magafan

Living in a place surrounded by so much natural beauty, it's easy to forget how powerful Western landscapes (and the legends and emotions they evoke) can be. Remind yourself at this exhibit and sale, which features fine paintings, works on paper, and American Indian objects, all of which date from 1860 to 2010. You'll see names you recognize—Maynard Dixon, Vance Kirkland, Charles Partridge Adams—but their varying interpretations of familiar scenery and symbols may help you see the past, present, and future of the American West with a fresh perspective. *Tuesday–Saturday*, 10:30 a.m.–6 p.m. David Cook Galleries, 1637 Wazee St., 303-623-8181, davidcookgalleries. com. Free.

### December 3-6

### **Denver Flea: Holiday Edition**

If you can't check off your nice list at this holiday edition of the Denver Flea-where more than 120 mostly local vendors sell their gorgeous wares—we don't know how to help you. Makers of kitchenware, art, leatherwork, artisanal foods, handmade jewelry, and more will be spread across 80,000 square feet in the Denver Post's former production site, a warehouse that's sat empty for the past decade. And if this twoyear-old event series has taught us anything, it's that the Denver Flea knows how to throw a party any-where (see: this past summer's happening market, held in a parking garage). Buy advance tickets for the all-you-can-drink evenings (which include weekend admission as well): On Thursday (\$45), you'll get an intimate sneak preview of the vendors; Friday (\$35) will be a festive celebration complete with live music. Or simply show up on Saturday or Sunday; a \$5 cover charge scores you a New Belgium beer and a Denver Flea tote, and a portion of the money collected will be donated to charity. Thursday, 5-9 p.m., Friday, 6–10 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 4400 Fox St., denverflea. com. \$5 and up.





Bella Glass Studios' blown-glass ornaments

December 4, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 21 Around the (Glass) Globe Blown-**Ornament Class** 

If you were inspired by Denver Botanic Gardens'

Dale Chihuly show this past year and wished you could give glass-blowing a go, here's your chance. In a class with just three other students at Bella Glass Studios in RiNo, you'll learn the art of working with glowing, molten glass using nothing but a few simple tools and your own hot air. You may not become a world-famous artist, but you will come home with 10 ornaments—and a greater appreciate for what it takes to create large-scale installations like "Colorado," the 14-foot-tall Chihuly work that is now a permanent fixture at Denver Botanic Gardens' York Street location. Days, times vary. 3950 Wynkoop St., 303-462-4221, bellaglass studios.com. \$75.

### December 17-January 5

### Uchay Joel Chima: Artist in Residence

It's an unlikely pairing: works from Nigerian artist Uchay Joel Chima, whose pieces have been exhibited from South Africa to Canada, and works by Denver teenagers who may never have shown their art in public before. But that's exactly the goal of PlatteForum's Resident Artist program, which brings in artists—who lead weekly workshops for local youth as well as working on their own projects—for two months at a time. In this exhibition, you can expect to see contemporary large-scale, mixed-media works from Chima. What the students' pieces might look like is tougher to predict—but then, that's kind of the point. Meet





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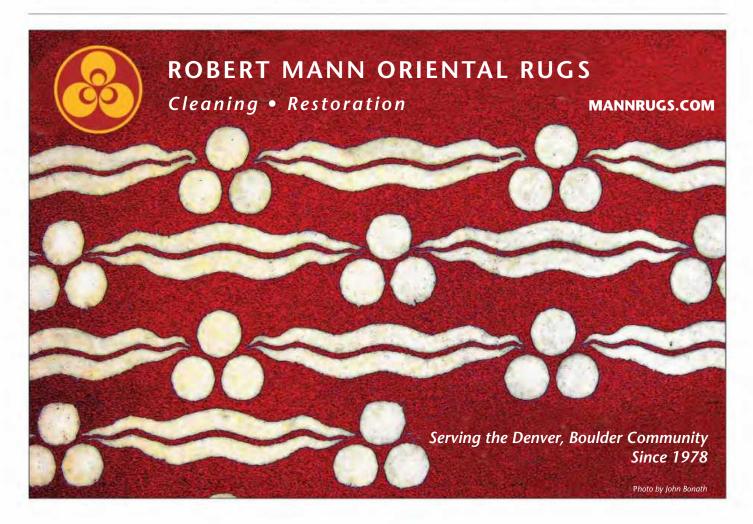
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CALENDAR



"Two Heads Are Better Than One" by Uchay Joel Chima

all the artists at December 17's opening event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. PlatteForum, 2400 Curtis St., 303-893-0791, platteforum.org. Free.

### JANUARY >

January 8-February 12

Saving Face: A Self-Portrait Exhibition

In the age of the selfie, anyone can be—and, it seems, everyone is—a self-portraitist. So what separates your Instagram feed from artists' likenesses that end up on gallery walls? And what might they have in common? Find out at this exhibit in the historic Sherman School building, where 900-some (likely smartphonetoting) students a month now take classes at the nonprofit Art Students League of Denver. Leave your selfie stick at home. *Monday—Thurs*day, 8 a.m.–7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Art Students League of Denver Gallery, 200 Grant St., 720-638-7236, asld.org. Free.

January 21–February 18

### Painting Classes at Georgia Amar's Habitat Gallery & Studio

If your New Year's resolution is to put a brush to canvas more often-or just to explore your creative side—there's no better way to make sure you stick to it than to sign up for classes under the tutelage of Georgia Amar, who has studied,

exhibited, and taught internationally but comes home to her gallery and studio in the Santa Fe arts district. Newbies as well as more experienced painters (acrylic and oil) are welcome, and class sizes are capped at 10. which means Amar will no-tice if you skip out on any of the five weekly



sessions. Not that you'll want to: This is a much more fun commitment, than, say, hitting the gym more often. Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Habitat Gallery & Studio (Georgia Amar Fine Art), 828 Santa Fe Drive, 303-534-9740, georgiaamarfineart.com. \$225 (includes materials)

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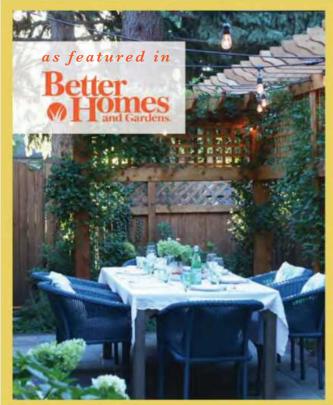


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### CALENDAR

### January 27-February 21

### Monkey Business

It's officially the Year of the Monkey, and Lakewood's Valkarie Gallery is kicking off 2016 with a show full of various artists' interpretations of monkey business. While we're betting on lots of *Curious George*—style mischievousness, things shouldn't get too out of hand, since Valkarie won't let the artists monkey around (get it?) too much with the format: All works—photographs, paintings, prints, and more—must be created on eight-by-eight-inch wood panels. Wednesday, 4–7 p.m., Thursday, 4–9:30 p.m., Friday, 4–8:30 p.m., Saturday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Valkarie Gallery, 445 S. Saulsbury St., Lakewood, 720-220-7587, valkariefineart.com. Free.

### FFBRUARY >

### February 5 Design After Dark: Amass

For a snapshot of the Mile High City's diverse design scene, look no further than this annual fund-raiser for the Denver Art Museum, put



"Cut," by Jason Thielke, at last year's event

on by the DAM's Design Council. The soiree's most unique draw is the end-of-evening auction where you can score one-of-a-kind items crafted by some of Denver's top creatives-in the past, furniture-makers DoubleButter and Fin Art and studio and street artist Jaime Molina. While you're waiting for the main event, you can enjoy food and drinks and bid on furnishings, decor, dinners, and more in the silent auction. Be sure to dress to impress; this is as stylish a crowd as you'll find in the Mile High City. Friday, 7-11 p.m. Location TBD, 720-913-0044, designafterdark.denverart museum.org. \$80 (\$65 for DAM or Design Council members; \$50 for young professionals ages 21 to 30).

### February 12

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Mirada Fine Art's Gourmet Valentine Art Dinner

menu is still being set, but last year's feast (from 240 Union chef Anand Chaturvedula) was \$240 per couple, including wine pairings for each course and tip. If you really want to impress your date, choose a piece of art to take home as an early Valentine's Day gift. Friday, 7–10 p.m. Mirada Fine Art, 5490 Par malee Gulch Road, Indian Hills, 303-697-9006, miradafineart.com. Price TBD.

### February 12–15

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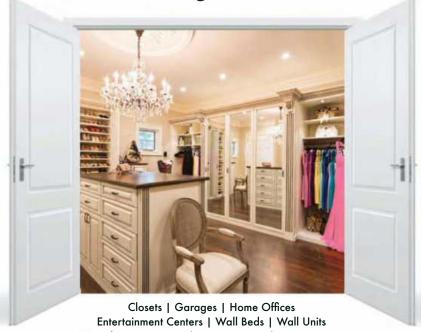
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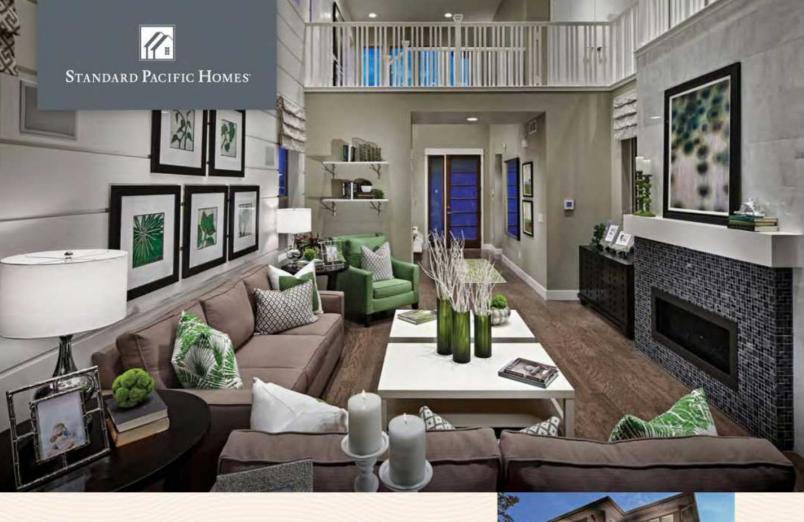
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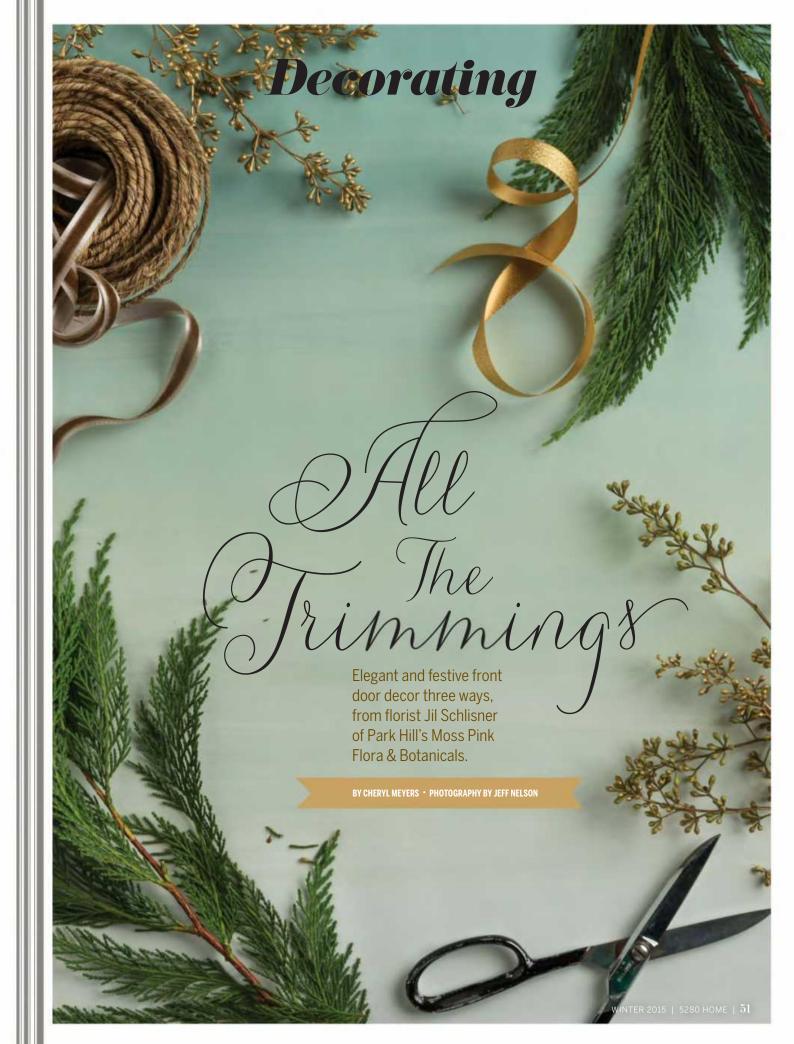
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### **DESIGN TIP**

"My biggest tip for modern design is to follow lines and keep it simplistic," Schlisner says. Here, that meant taking cues from the vertical lines of the door and playing off the antler-driven neutral color theme.

### **GET THE LOOK**

Banksia flowers, seeded eucalyptus (sprayed gold), cedar branches, and stemmed seedpods hang around the deer antlers on this minimal wreath. A single gold ribbon and a few simple black ornaments serve as clean, modern alternatives to glittery holiday baubles.

### ORGANIC MODERN

THIS ENTRY'S TALL, NARROW WINDOW was floral designer Jil Schlisner's starting point. She attached a birch-tree-patterned ribbon to the door to mimic the verticality of the windows and give the door the look of a wrapped gift. Deer antlers in the wreath—a nod to Colorado's natural beauty—gives her overall design a decidedly neutral tone. "Nature contributes similar themes from different parts of itself," she says. "The ivory of the antlers and the ivory of the Banksia blooms—seeing those natural color tones repeat is very exciting to me."



### WINTER SOLSTICE

"THE WINTER SOLSTICE SPEAKS TO THE MYTHICAL SIDE OF NATURE," says Schlisner, who used the seasonal celebration as a guide for this earthy design. "The air plants, burning sage, and cypress evergreen read wintery, but they are somewhat unexpected because of their silvery blue tones." Crystals and mica (a shiny mineral) provide a more natural take on the reflections and sparkle you'd get from classic ornaments.

### **GET THE LOOK**

The drapey motif includes Tillandsia xerographica air plants surrounded by a mix of silver tree (Leucadendron argenteum), green silver dollar eucalyptus, and Carolina sapphire cypress. The latter two are repeated in the equally airy container arrangements. Schlisner weaved quartz and tourmaline crystals and mica into the hanging piece for sparkle, and sage bundles give the whole design an earthy aroma.



### **DESIGN TIP**

For your wreath this year, ditch tired red velvet ribbon and follow Schlisner's lead: "I love mixing different types of ribbon and weaving them through the wreaths with wire," she says. Traditional reds, greens, and golds feel grown-up with this out-of-thebox treatment.

### **GET THE LOOK**

Flat cedar branches get dressed up with red Aronia berries, snowberry, sugar pinecones, birch branches, a few rooster feathers, and a single silver ornament. The natural gold color of the magnolia tips infuses the arrangement with warmth.

### NEW TRADITIONAL

SCHLISNER PUT TOGETHER A FRESH TAKE on traditional holiday decor for this home's bold double doors. And to her, that meant one thing: pinecones. "I have always loved pinecones for that quintessential Christmas feel. What's nice, though, is that they can go in many directions—even modern." In particular, she suggests larger sugar pinecones, which are clustered into a small wreath here (but would also look excellent piled high in your empty outdoor pots, Schlisner says).

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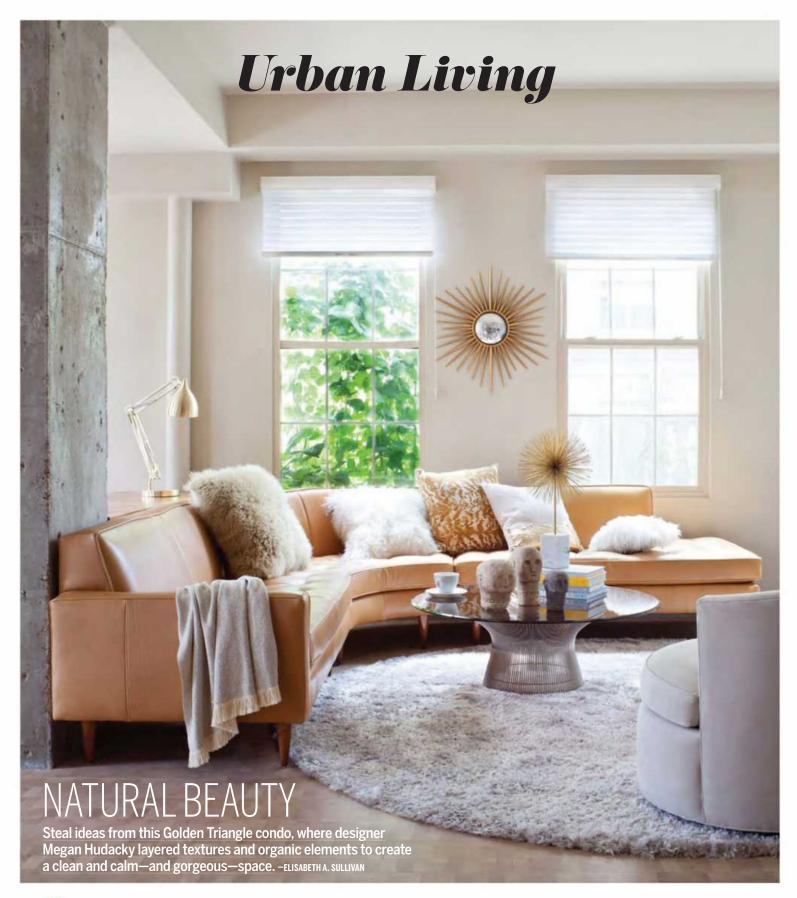




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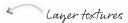
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BETWEEN LONG WORKDAYS and globetrotting excursions, the owner of this Denver condo needed a place to recharge, and her dimly lit environs just didn't work. Her three-bedroom, 1,400-square-foot condo in the Belvedere Tower, a 17-story high-rise in the Golden Triangle, was clad in dark finishes and dated, traditional decor. As so often happens, the owner decided to renovate her kitchen—and ended up investing in a full refresh of her home, delivered by Denver designer Megan Hudacky of CKY Design Inc.

"The owner wanted to go modern, and there was just no way to do it partially," Hudacky says. "The idea was to open the space up, literally and with a much lighter palette." Here's how she did it.



### GO BARE 🕥

The remodel included stripping away extraneous finishes to reveal the beauty of the materials themselves. Concrete-clad support columns throughout the home were left bare, and the end-grain oak flooring displays wood in a less refined state. "We're trying to expose the natural elements in some of these materials, as opposed to how people typically see them," designer Megan Hudacky says. "We were aiming to make everything not so processed."

Hudacky then layered in other natural textures in the forms of a cushy wool rug from Ligne Roset, an airy metal-and-glass Platner cocktail table from KnollStudio, and a camelcolored leather sectional from Room & Board. "All of these materials-glass, wood, concrete, leather, metal, and stone—feel warm if they're well-combined throughout the space," she says.



### USE WHAT YOU'VE GOT

A large island, clad in Caesarstone quartz, offers more built-in storage plus prep space and a perch for visitors. And rather than pretending that the air-duct-hiding soffit wasn't there, Hudacky applied an interesting detail by trimming the soffit with birch plywood. "We exposed the edges to create these really beautiful lines," she says. "It helps define the kitchen area."





### SELECT A FEW STATEMENT PIECES **W**

Separating the master bedroom from the living area is a modern take on a barn door: a refined (not rustic) wood slab with softly undulating live edges hung from a gleaming metal track. It's a functional work of art that blends the line between modern design and the home's Western locale. "It helps when you go big with things," Hudacky says. "There's this barn door, there's an entire wall full of walnut kitchen cabinetry—all of these things become integral parts of the space. They make the space feel custom and unique."





Eco-friendly

### PICK A PALETTE ①

Hudacky opened up the kitchen and this adjacent dining area to let in natural light (a move that informed the rest of the home's remodel, too). Then she chose a simple color scheme of cream, white, and wood tones. "I wanted to add materials to designate areas and add depth," Hudacky says. "The kitchen's walnut cabinets ground the soffit, the white feels modern, and the shallow cabinetry is an unexpected faux-wood grain that again adds richness and lightness to the overall palette." Ample cabinetry and built-ins provide plenty of storage space and negate the need for much freestanding furniture, which might obstruct the condo's newfound airiness.

### REPEAT MATERIALS 🕥

In the guest bathroom, the homeowner chose to install a vanity made of Kirei Board, an eco-friendly bamboo-style material. "Throughout her home, the owner wanted the style to be very Zen, and these natural materials make the spaces feel peaceful," Hudacky says. To streamline the home visually, the designer repeated the use of natural materials in each space. The vanity's counter, for example, is made from Caesarstone quartz, the same material as the kitchen island, and the bathroom's tile floor mimics the end-grain oak flooring that runs throughout much of the rest of the home.















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Tom's passion for developing Summit Sky Ranch comes from his belief that personal relationships are at the core of our lives, and the community is being thoughtfully designed to encourage social connectivity among families and neighbors. The Aspen House serves as the community's social and recreation centerpiece offering everything from coffee to star gazing, yoga to outdoor swimming and more. In warmer weather, residents can kayak and paddleboard on the community's private lake, and come snowfall they'll enjoy Nordic trails, ice skating and sledding. Plus, miles of community trails connect to the White River National Forest for year-round enjoyment.

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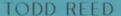


























IT'S NOT DIFFICULT TO FIND MAGNIFICENT houses in the rolling foothills beyond Aspen and Snowmass. But few have the sophisticated touch and, well, je ne sais quoi of this renovated mountain chalet by interior designer Caroline Sarkozy and architect Laurent Bourgois of Paris-based CSLB Architecture-Décoration. The home is a reflection of their collaborative approach. "We do not believe you can dismember a house project into an architectural project on one side and a decorative project on the other and have a harmonious result," Sarkozy says.

The owners—a European couple with international tastes who had enlisted Sarkozy to design two other residences—hail from London and Sweden, and they split their time in the United States between New York City and Aspen. Drawn to the sweeping views and high-country seclu-

Top: This high-country home sits on land dotted with alpine vegetation. Interior designer Caroline Sarkozy and architect Laurent Bourgois (both of Paris-based CSLB Architecture-Décoration) oversaw its transformation from dated ski chalet to elegant mountain retreat.

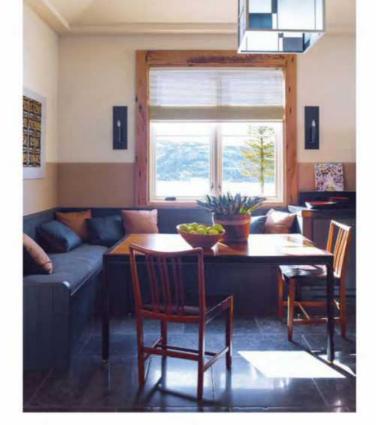
Previous spread and left: Custom birchwood veneer covers the dining room walls. A set of midcentury chairs (by Denmark's Hans J. Wegner for Carl Hansen & Son) surround the custom zinc-topped table, while a Swedish wool flatweave rug by FJ Hakimian grounds the space. In the living room, four custom chairs (atop a vintage Swedish rug) provide ample seating.

## French Lessons

sion outside the ski resort town, the couple purchased this stunningly located (yet severely dated) house knowing it would need an overhaul, both inside and out. "It was a typical 1980s Aspen mountain home," says Sarkozy, who skied often in Aspen during her college years. "Very high ceilings for rooms that were too small, in my view. It lacked authenticity."

The first step was redesigning the entire floor plan. The team gutted and reorganized the interior, expanding the footprint to add a new kitchen. "The proportions of the rooms were re-established to [provide] warmth and charm," Sarkozy says.

When it came to designing the inside, Sarkozy played to the home's natural outdoor surroundings. The deliberate choice of materials, such as the custom birchwood wallcovering in the dining room, brings a rustic feel to the space, which is balanced by the uncomplicated aesthetic, rigorous symmetry, and clean lines. Most of the late



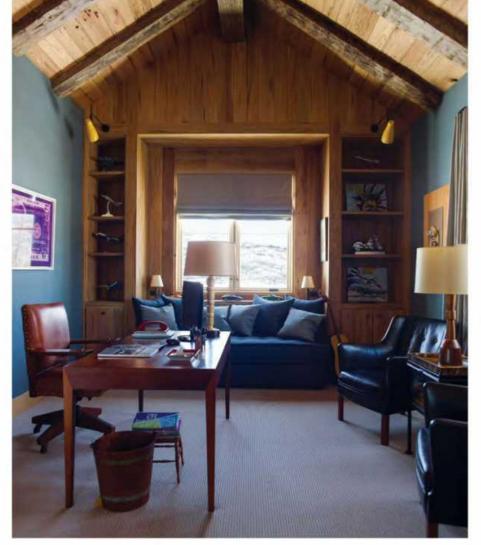
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Below: A piece by German photographer Elger Esser hangs in the living room.







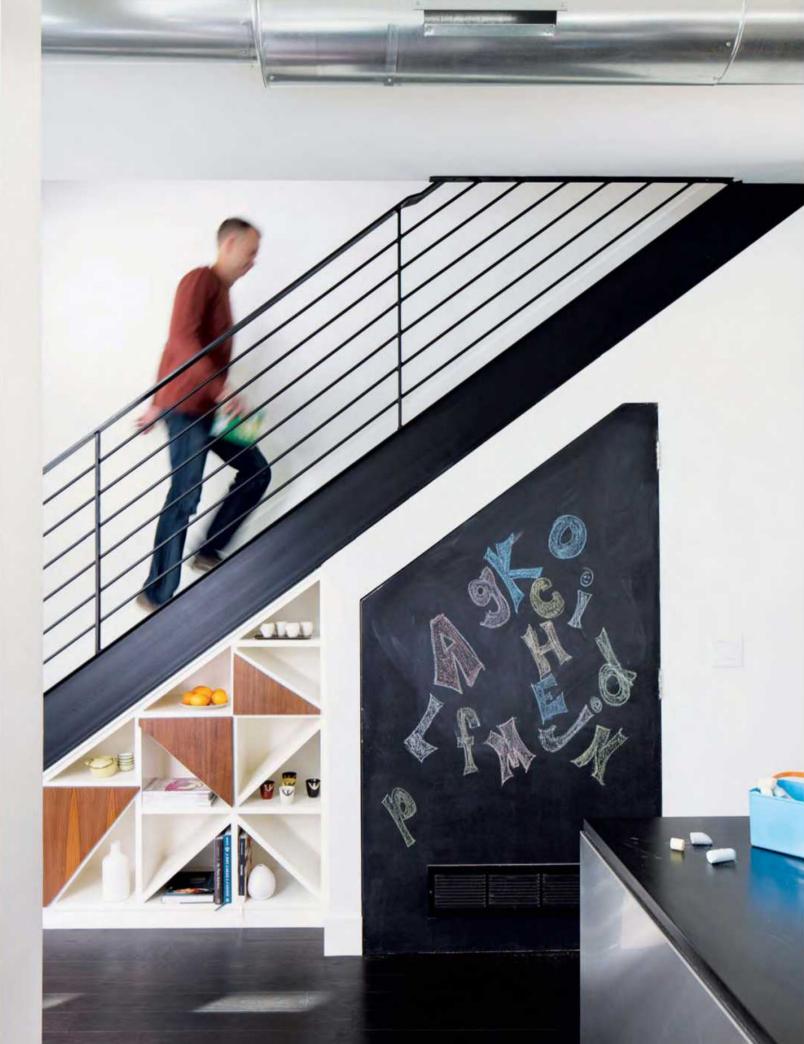


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19th- and early 20th-century furniture is Swedish, French, or American—meant to reflect the owners' heritages and travels. And in a tip of the hat to the home's locale, the color palette is inspired by spring in the mountains. "We kept a very simple design line, bringing the tremendous views of the mountains into the house," Sarkozy says. "The choice of details, the eclecticism of the furniture, and the fabrics give the house a sense of luxury and sophistication." The overall effect is a worldly chalet that feels right at home in the Rockies. ■

Left and below: Exposed beams—brushed antique oak, stained gray—in the office and master bedroom give a log-cabin feel, yet the decor leans more modern (see the bedroom's Ron Arad wicker chair and tripod table lamp).







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### WHEN JEFF AND MONICA

Lubbert found the solution to the problem of their too-small Jefferson Park condo in a 2,100-square-foot modern home in Five Points, the couple's biggest concern wasn't what was going on inside the house (shoddy finishes and a cold aesthetic). It was what was happening outside. "In 2009, Five Points was still transitioning," Monica says. "We made at least several visits to the area. We went to Blackberries [now Coffee on the Point] at least three times. We took our friends with us to make sure we weren't crazy."

Not all their friends were convinced, but the tours left the couple confident that the area—a once-thriving cultural center that was neglected during the '70s and '80s-had begun the process of revitalization. So the Lubberts bought the three-bedroom, threebathroom home for a steal (thanks to the recession) and turned their attention to doing a little revitalizing of their own on the interior.

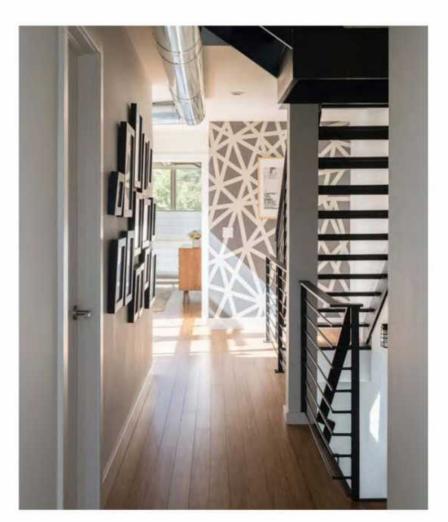
The first-priority fixes: getting rid of the Miami-esque feel downstairs, an effect amplified by black tile around the massive see-through fireplace in the den, and the acidwashed concrete floors throughout the bottom level. "It was cold in terms of aesthetics, but also in terms of temperature," Monica says. Every morning, she'd get eight steps from

the bottom of the stairs and could feel the cold air on her toes. The vast amount of glass downstairs only made things worse.

Monica dedicated hours to perusing home-design website Houzz for modern design solutions and kept coming across projects from Denver interior designer Megan Moore of Dado - Interior Architecture and Design (formerly Swiss Milk Studio). Monica reached out. She couldn't have found a better fit than Moore. "In my residential design class in school, I designed a house just like the one in Five Points," the designer says. "When Monica asked me if I was interested in the project, I was like, 'Of course I have to design this. I've already done it!""

Inspired by a Paola Navone design in Dwell magazine, the Lubberts first considered replacing the concrete floors with hexagonal woodand-tile versions, but eventually, they opted for a budget-friendlier synthetic white oak floor with an ebony finish. They ditched two massive pendant lights in the open dining space in favor of a recessed light on one side of the room and a Flos chandelier over the dining room table on the other. Then Moore stripped off the black tiles and dressed the fireplace in floor-to-ceiling pine stained with a Spanish oak finish. To add warmth to the space, Moore suggested balancing the den fireplace with another in



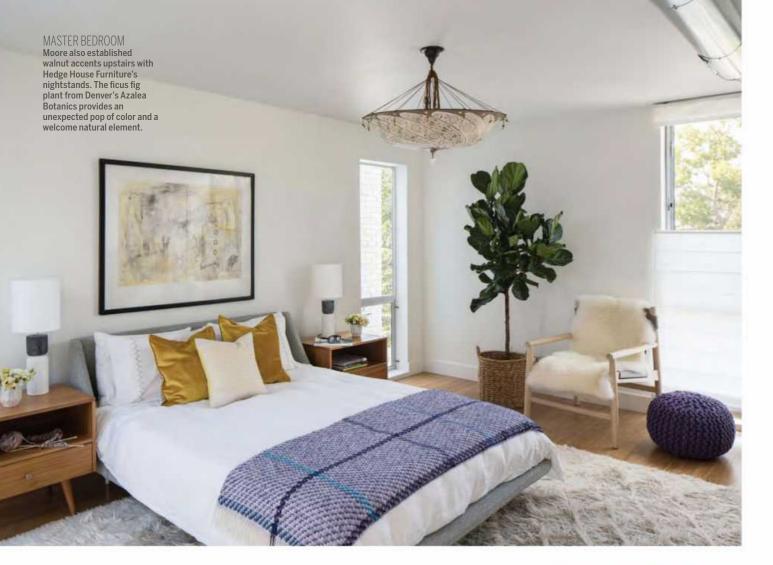












that Jeff initially resisted, given the room's relatively small size. Moore brought down two cowhide chairs from the Lubberts' upstairs master bedroom to give the room added coziness and moved the Blu Dot Paramount couch so it faced toward the rest of the house.

In the kitchen, Monica and Moore debated backsplash tiles. Moore wanted a clean slab, while Monica fell in love with a small geometric tile design from Ann Sacks. Despite her designer's doubts, Monica triumphed, and today, Moore admits she's been won over. "I thought it was going to be too busy," she says. "I wanted something that read cleanly, but it

turned out to be pretty neutral." Moore found a creative solution for Monica's other mustfix: the area under the stairs that, until the redesign, served mostly as a home for massive dust bunnies and as a crawl space for the Lubberts' thentwo-year-old daughter, Malena. Moore filled the nook with walnut and white shelving, providing both extra storage space and less cleanup work. The design introduced what would become a theme throughout the rest of the house: triangles. You'll find colorful versions painted on Malena's bedroom walls upstairs and a collage of them at the end of the upstairs hallway.

What started as a simple warm-up job downstairs has become an ongoing, room-byroom transformation. The master bedroom recently got an upgrade, including a new rug (with triangles' geometric cousins, diamonds); the Lubberts are eyeing the rooftop space next. (Monica is lobbying for a bocce ball setup.) Like in the Five Points neighborhood itself, every change begets another, transforming the whole into a modern space still connected to the past. And as for those friends who thought the Lubberts might be crazy to leave Jefferson Park for Five Points? Says Monica: "Now they all wish they lived here."













ESIGNER NADIA WATTS WALKS US through how she remade this dated home—and struck the perfect balance between tailored good looks and casual elegance.

5280 Home: The foyer's design belies the home's handsome architecture: The enormous painting and those unusual geometric stools right inside the front door are surprising. Nadia Watts: My clients and I really loved the idea of something contemporary there, more abstract than formal. We wanted something big-colorful and fun and a little playful. I gave my client a list of galleries to see, and she found this painting by Joanne Kerrihard at the [Golden Triangle's] William Havu Gallery. I found the stools at the massive High Point market in North Carolina; aren't they great? There's a rough texture to them, like they were painted over sand, and the white is perfect with the artwork.

The mood really changes in the family room with those rustic beams and lantern pendants. Those were already done. This house was built in the late '50s, and my clients had just done a remodel when I came in. So here, we covered the furniture in indoor-outdoor fabric from

Top: A large painting by Arizona artist Joanne Kerrihard lends a contemporary vibe to the foyer. The owners found the rug on their travels, and Watts sourced the pair of textured, geometric stools at the International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, North Carolina.

Top right: In the office, a grasscloth wallcovering from Kneedler Fauchère inspired the blue palette that continues throughout the home. The remaining elements, which create a handsome—but not overly masculine—space, include a glass desk by McGuire, a ceiling pendant from Visual Comfort, matching chests by Asian Treasures, and lamps from the Shanahan Collection.

*Right:* Built-ins span one side of the family room, where the backs of the shelves are painted deep blue in a simple but lovely tribute to the home's palette.



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Zoffany and Perennials and then had the coffee table made by Madison Street Cabinet Makers. It all lends a more casual feel to the room. My client likes clean lines, nothing too fussy or frilly, with something a little unexpected thrown in every once in a while.

Like a cowboy painting in a relatively tailored room? That's by Duke Beardsley. He's a local artist and a good friend of the family. We already knew we wanted something of Duke's in the house, and cowboys are one of his staples. We brought the canvas over to make sure the size was perfect for that space and then again to make sure the colors were working.

Those colors are hitting a lot of blue notes; I'm starting to see a theme.

My client gravitates toward blue. We're playing with different shades of it throughout the house and introducing dark pieces and light pieces and layers for balance. The family room sofa is dark navy and white woven together. There is slate gray with blue undertones on the chairs in the basement, which looks fabulous with the camel-colored angora pillows, and the dining room chairs are upholstered in soft, pale blue.

## Where did the blue palette start?

The navy grasscloth in the office was our starting point. The dark color creates a wonderfully

Top: Watts added warmth to the master bedroom with grasscloth from Kneedler Fauchère. A rug the owners found in Santa Fe, New Mexico, ties together the blue and brown tones in the room's other signature pieces: the Kravet chairs and custom headboard and the round table and bench from Black Tulip Antiques.

Left: A Madeline Weinrib rug accentuates the gray tones in the master bath; above, a ceiling pendant by Visual Comfort echoes its pattern. The shower is clad in Carrara marble.

## Instant CLASSIC

Right: A furry rug by Lee Jofa warms a daughter's room; Clarence House fabric on the draperies and shams adds pops of color. The vintage cane-back bench is covered in a John Brooks fabric; the headboard is by Serena & Lily.

Far right: Denver architect Kathy Jones, president of ArchStyle Inc., drew the plans for the renovations to this handsome Greenwood Village home, while Watts handled the interior design.







warm texture and striking contrast with the crisp white trim. The office is directly adjacent to the foyer, and the grasscloth just calls you in. It also ties in with the blue entry rug, which [the owners] got on a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Grasscloth is such a classic way to make a statement. We used it in the master bedroom too, but it's much more refined. The room just felt so cold before we installed the wallcovering. We warmed up that space and made it feel like a retreat.

There seems to be a standout piece of furniture in every room: those bedside tables, the stools in the foyer, and the custom coffee table in the family room. The glass-topped table in the office is also striking. We had to find pieces that were more unique than just right off the shelf. We like to use pieces

you wouldn't normally see at retail shops around town.

The effect is lovely. So is your work here done? No! There are two kinds of clients: those whose houses you design from top to bottom with an end date in mind, and those clients who stay with you forever. You're always helping them evolve their homes. That's what this family is—especially because they have young daughters. We've already changed the older sister's bedroom from pale lavender and gray to coral and apricot colors with ikat patterns that are more mature. And in the basement family room, we've brought in new furniture to make it more of a hangoutinviting for everyone—because it's no longer just a room for toys. As the children continue to get older, the needs for the family will change, and so will the design.

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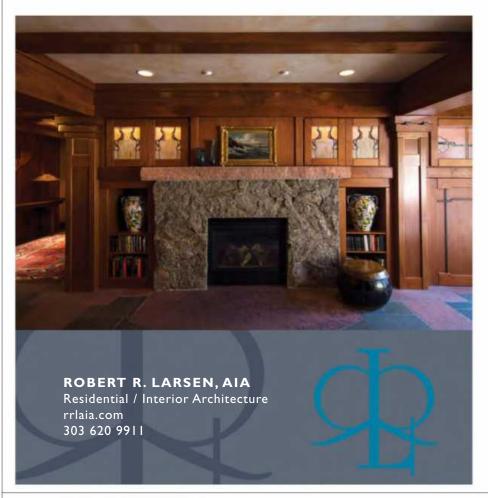
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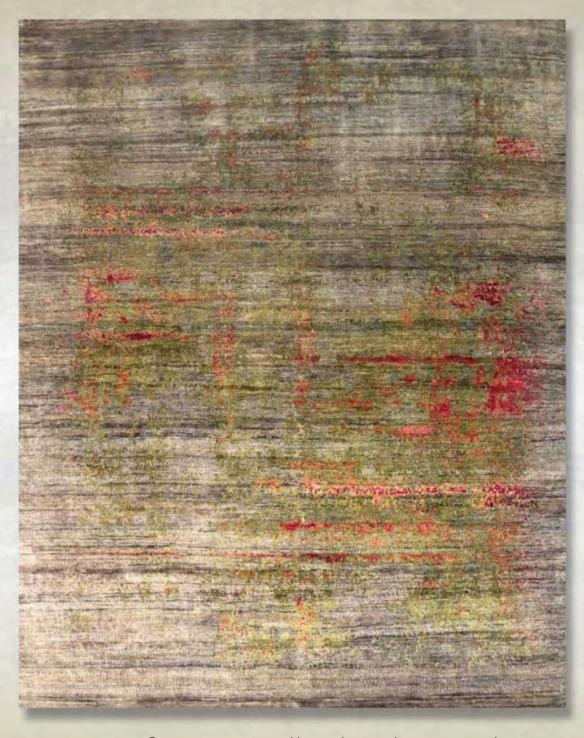
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